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SUBJECT : Ad Hoc Interagency Group on Exchanges
(IGE) Meeting--2 July 1974

1. ICS liaison was accepted during the 2 July IGE meeting. During the previous week, [redacted]

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[redacted] had solicited my comments on the IGE Interim Report to USIB.

2. The IGE members will submit to the Executive Secretary, IGE any activities in which their departments are involved regarding US/USSR exchanges, i.e., overall net assessments, control of technology loss, and provision of opinions on individual exchanges. Chairman, IGE proposed meeting in the future separately with smaller groups in an attempt to collate disparate departmental interests. He thought such meetings would go further toward reaching a consensus. In the process the Chairman will examine what mechanisms already exist and question what new focus is needed. After the survey, the full committee will meet in early August and review a reworked draft for USIB. While IGE had thought they had produced what was wanted in the Interim Report, the USIB reaction was mostly negative to their recommendations. Thus, IGE has lost its direction and does not seem much further along than when initially re-established earlier this year.

3. Chairman, IGE reviewed for the members the 13 June 1974 USIB meeting at which the Interim Report was discussed. Following this review, the meeting became diffuse and departmental interests surfaced. Mr. Kovner/State expressed concern that the exchanges were not developed to collect intelligence information. He also added that commercial

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visits were quite different from the usual exchanges and should be subject to special consideration. State has no authority to refuse Soviet commercial visits. Dr. Ganley/State, stated a technical assessment was currently being accomplished on the scientific exchanges. The Under Secretary's Committee has tasked the National Science Foundation's Director, Guyford Stever, as the President's Science Advisor, to complete an assessment of the bilateral exchanges in early 1975. The Technical Assessment Steering Group has participation from National Science Foundation, State, and CIA; they will not assess commercial protocols--strictly government-to-government scientific exchanges.

4. Mr. Sheppard/Commerce emphasized the Commerce Department role in the management of technology flow from the US. He stated the US Government policy is to promote East-West trade. While no one is interested in giving away technology, he claimed the inevitability under this policy that some seepage of technology would occur.

5. The Chairman, IGE asked his staff to recount a recent Soviet computer delegation visit. The community was alerted by CIA/DDO/ [] when several computer firms were added beyond that noted on the visa request--not an unusual Soviet visitation procedure. Guidance was telephoned out by Commerce to each firm to be visited. In addition, DOD made contact with the computer firms that held military contacts to reaffirm DOD security regulations. Initially, DOD wanted an escort officer (someone from ISA) to accompany the Soviet delegation but were overruled by State and Commerce. Col. Ventres/Air Force and Mr. Eliasson/ISA added DOD would continue to push for positive action from the intelligence community on the issue and the IGE membership should recognize their posture.

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